



Response Under 37 CFR § 1.116
Expedited Procedure - Group 3624

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: E. Colbert
MITSUMASA SUGIYAMA)
: Group Art Unit: 3624
Application No.: 09/161,401)
: Filed: September 28, 1998)
: For: DATABASE SYSTEM, ITS)
: CONTROL METHOD, AND)
: INFORMATION)
: PROCESSING APPARATUS) July 31, 2003

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for
response to the Office Action dated January 31, 2003 for three months from April 30, 2003
to July 31, 2003.

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Signature Date of Signature July 31, 2003

Submitted herewith is a check for \$930.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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